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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 5

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999**

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT A TASK FORCE BE ESTABLISHED TO DEVELOP AND  
ANALYZE STRATEGIES AND RECOMMEND METHODS OF FUNDING A  
STATEWIDE CLIMATE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, weather and climate play extremely influential  
and significant roles in the natural world, and knowledge of  
climate and climatic processes is important to the health and  
well-being of New Mexicans; and

WHEREAS, to meet the need for climatic knowledge,  
forty-nine of the fifty United States have each established an  
office of state climatologist; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico is a leader in the use of climatic  
information to improve agricultural production and assess the  
effect of climate on the natural environment; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the office of state climatologist

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1 is to assist the state in understanding and responding to  
2 natural and man-induced climatic processes and their  
3 implications, to cooperate with the federal government in  
4 activities relating to climate studies and advisory services  
5 and to promote and disseminate a general knowledge of the  
6 climatology of the state;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
8 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that a task force be created to develop  
9 strategies to help New Mexico maintain leadership in the use  
10 of climatic information to assess the effect of climate on the  
11 natural environment, agricultural production, land and natural  
12 resources and human health, and to make recommendations on key  
13 issues such as financing the collection and dissemination of  
14 climatic information to educate the national population and  
15 the tourist industry about the healthy and unique climate of  
16 New Mexico that makes the state not only an exemplary place to  
17 live and visit, but also an ideal place to locate industry and  
18 associated jobs; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force  
20 include the state climatologist and the dean of the college of  
21 agriculture and home economics at New Mexico state university;  
22 and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
24 distributed to the dean of the college of agriculture and home  
25 economics at New Mexico state university and to the state

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